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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of : Attorney Docket No. 2006_1189A
Takashi SATO et al. : **Confirmation No. 3590**
Serial No. 10/587,902 : Group Art Unit 1794
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action of October 1, 2009, constituting a restriction requirement between (I) claims 1-9 and 15-17, and (II) claims 10-14, Applicants hereby elect the subject matter of Group I, i.e. claims 1-9 and 15-17.

Applicants emphasize that this election is made while reserving their rights under 35 U.S.C. §121 to file a divisional application for the non-elected subject matter of claims 10-14.

Action on the merits is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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